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SUBJECT: GATT WP ON FINLAND-EAST EUROPEAN TRADE AGREEMENTS

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1. MISSION OFFICER DISCUSSED SCHEDULING OF WORKING PARTIES WITH WP CHAIRMAN EASTERBROOK-SMITH, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM VISITS TO PRAGUE, SOFIA, BUDAPEST. WE INDICATED U.S. PREFERENCE BEGIN CONSECUTIVE WPS WITH EXAMINATION FINLAND-CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGREEMENT AND SCHEDULE ALL THREE BEFORE AUGUST GATT RECESS. WE ALSO SAID WE UNDERSTOOD EC POSITION SIMILAR TO OURS.

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2. EASTERBROOK-SMITH SAID FINLAND AND PARTIES TO AGREEMENTS

WANT WPS TAKEN "IN ORDER ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL." WE NOTED COUNCIL HAD NOT ADDRESSED POINT, CITED TEXT OF COUNCIL MINUTES AS PROOF, AND SAID AN OBJECTIVE CRITERION WOULD BE TO TAKE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER IN WHICH THEY SIGNED, BEGINNING WITH BULGARIA.

3. NYERGES OF HUNGARY AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER SIGNATORY COUNTRIES THEN VISITED EASTERBROOK-SMITH IN GENEVA TO REITERATE THAT HUNGARY, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND FINLAND ALL HOLDING FIRM IN INSISTING WPS BEGIN WITH HUNGARY AND SAID THAT PARTIES TO AGREEMENTS UNLIKELY BE PREPARED FOR WP UNTIL SEPTEMBER. NYERGES REPORTED HAVE CLAIMED THAT LUYTEN OF EC COMMISSION SAID EC WOULD NOT OPPOSE THIS SCHEDULE.

4. MISSION OFFICER TODAY VISITED LUYTEN AND KAWAN AT EC COMMISSION TO REITERATE WASHINGTON PREFERENCES IN REFTEL (A) AND SEEK CONFIRMATION OF EC VIEWS. LUYTEN DOES NOT SHARE VIEWS KAWAN EARLIER REPORTED TO US (REFTEL B), EXCEPT THAT HE AGREES ON NEED TO CONSIDER ALL THREE AGREEMENTS CLOSE TOGETHER. LUYTEN SEES DISADVANTAGE IN PRESSING FOR WPS BEFORE AUGUST RECESS IN THAT WP MEMBERS LIKELY VIEW THEIR WORK WITH MORE SERIOUSNESS WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN SEPTEMBER RESTED AND "FRESH FOR BATTLE." IN ANY EVENT, SINCE PARTIES TO AGREEMENTS DON'T WANT TO MEET UNTIL SEPTEMBER, THEY CAN SAY THEY NOT YET PREPARED. (GATT SECRETARIAT HAS NOTED THAT NOT ALL COUNTRIES MET MARCH 20 DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING QS AND AS, BUT SECRETARIAT STILL HAS HOPE OF RECEIVING ANSWERS IN TIME TO CIRCULATE GATT DOCUMENT IN LATE JUNE.)

5. LUYTEN NOTED THAT PARTIES TO AGREEMENTS COULD POINT TO ORDER IN WHICH AGREEMENTS NOTIFIED TO GATT AS OBJECTIVE CRITERION; THIS WOULD STILL PLACE HUNGARY FIRST (L/4136), THEN BULGARIA (L/4137) AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA (L/4138). LUYTEN DOUBTED U.S. AND EC WOULD SUCCESSFULLY IMPOSE ORDER OF WPS IF PARTIES TO AGREEMENTS NOT WILLING. HE FELT ORDER WAS NOT CRITICAL ANYWAY, AS EC AND HOPEFULLY U.S. COULD, AFTER INITIAL SESSION WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HUNGARY, PAUSE TO REFLECT AND STUDY HUNGARIAN COMMENTS AND MEANWHILE MOVE RIGHT ALONG TO CONSIDERATION BULGARIAN AND CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AGREEMENTS. LUYTEN SAID HE WELL AWARE OF ABILITIES OF HUNGARY'S NYERGES AND ADDED THAT EC AND U.S. SHOULD COORDINATE EFFORTS CAREFULLY.

6. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL (B), WE HAVE AGREED WITH

KAWAN'S ASSESSMENT RE DESIRABILITY NOT BEGIN WITH  
HUNGARY AGREEMENT (A POINT ON WHICH LUYTEN ALSO AGREES  
BUT DOES NOT VIEW AS POSSIBLE IN PRACTICAL TERMS).  
WITH EC NO LONGER WILLING STAND FIRM ON WP ORDER, IT  
WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO INSIST. SAME APPLIES ON  
SCHEDULING SERIES OF WPS PRIOR TO AUGUST RECESS.

7. RECOMMEND WE NOW SIMPLY RE-STATE OUR ORDER OF  
PREFERENCE TO CHAIRMAN EASTERBROOK-SMITH, ADDING THAT  
OBJECTIVE NEUTRAL CRITERION WOULD BE ORDER OF SIGNATURE,  
AND ALLOW HIM MAKE DECISION. RE TIMING, WE PROPOSE SAY  
U.S. STILL PREFERS PRE-AUGUST MEETINGS AND, IF THIS NOT  
POSSIBLE, WE COULD ACCEPT DELAY ONLY ON UNDERSTANDING  
ALL THREE WPS MEET CONSECUTIVELY IN SEPTEMBER AT LATEST.  
PLEASE ADVISE. DALE

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